Bible & Daily Living

A transformation

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A SHEPHERD BOY TURNED KING
Lesson June 17, 1984
Bible Study Passages: II Samuel 5:1-3; 7:8-16

INTRODUCTION

Heroes and sheroes are people who inspire and lead us to higher levels of hope. History reads like a who's who of people that have successfully faced new frontiers and new challenge. We each have a hero or shero whom we admire for their bravery and courage, and they may be unknown except to us. Heroes are not necessarily famous people.

We show our gratitude to heroes and sheroes by memorializing them in books or bronze. We honor them on stamps, coins, and special holidays. We tend to think that a hero is someone who dies bravely in battle, or whose performance on the front lines is so heroic that we shower him with medals. But many of our heroes and sheroes never win any medals or fight military battles. These persons, who by their determination and grit, manage to overcome or achieve a situation that inspires us to do the same.

The Bible contains many stories about heroes and sheroes who struggled for the faith. This week we will look at one of those great people....King David.

THESE UNITED KINGDOMS [IISamuel 5:1-3]

When David was "tapped" to become Israel's King, it was at a time when the nation was divided. but because of David's past leadership, the people of Judah (Southern Kingdom) and the tribes of the Northern Kingdom met at Hebron and annointed David as King over all of Israel. For the next forty years David would rightly lead the people of Israel.

David was truly a hero among the people of Israel. Even after his death the people looked for another David who would lead them in battle and deliver them for their enemies. The prophecy of a deliverer who would usher in a kingdom of peace was formed. As Christians, we believe that Jesus, who was born of the house and lineage of David, fulfilled this prophetic claim.

DAVID'S PLAN FOR A TEMPLE [II Samuel 8-11]

David's reverence for the Lord inspired him to build a temple as a final resting place for the ark of the covenant. Many monuments have been built to God in the form of churches and synagogues. We must be careful not to turn these edifaces into places of idolatry, for God does not dwell in tabernacles made by human hands. God may one day ask us to give account for some of the waste that has gone into fancy architecture. God is more concerned over how much we give away than how much we "spend" on him.

DAVID'S SUCCESSOR [IISamuel 7:12-16]

The people knew that David's reign would one day come to an end. The prophet Nathan prophecied that a son would be born to David who would assume the place of king following David's death. From then on a succession of kings would rule over Israel, some good and some not so good. David's son, Soloman, would complete David's dream for a temple.

David was a colorful character. His heart was "After God" even though at times his head was clearly "Out of gear!" Not all of David's actions are suitable for following, but David stands out as a great leader for God's people. We remember him because he is a beginning link to christ.

Ponder the following questions:

1. Name at least one hero or shero who is an inspiration for you.

2. What do you see as the church's priority in the spending of God's money?

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Trinity Methodist Bible School planned

Trinity United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 17 - 21 (Sunday - Thursday) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be Bible study, crafts, music, recreation, and refreshments for all ages. Classes will be grouped as follows: Nursery I (infants), Nursery II (ages 2-3), Beginner I (ages 4-5), Beginner II (ages 6, 7, and 8/grades 1-3), Intermediate (ages 9, 10, and 11/grades 4-6), Juniors (ages 12-16/grades 7-10), and Adults (High School age and up).

Trinity is located 20 minutes from Appomattox in the Beckham-Stonewall area on Highway 611. The church can be found easily by taking Rt. 26 to Oakville, turning left on 608, turning right on 667, and turning left on 611. The church can be seen from this intersection.

Everyone is invited to attend. If anyone needs further information or transportation, please call 352-2583 or 352-8550.

Homecoming planned at Mt. Zion Church

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Mt. Zion on Sunday, June 17.

The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. Pastor Elliott and the Mt. Zion Chorus will be in charge of the morning service.

The afternoon service will begin at 3 p.m. The Rev. Horace J. Scruggs of Esmont, Va. will be the guest speaker. He will be with his choir from Fork Union Baptist Church. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church following the morning service.

Revival will begin Monday night, June 18. Prayer meetings will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m., followed by preaching at 8 p.m. Pastor Scruggs will be the speaker for the week and guest choirs will provide the music.

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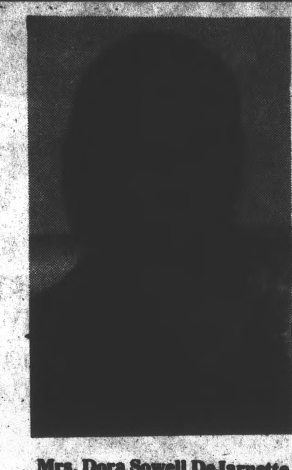
Mrs. Dora Sowell DeJarnette

Roger Carter Atkins

Roger Carter Atkins, 66, of Charlotte Court House, died Wednesday, June 6, 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby P. Atkins; two sons, Roger J. Atkins and Donald J. Atkins, both of Richmond; one brother, Jack Atkins, Charlotte Court House; two sisters, Mrs. Madge A. Harris, Charlottesville, and Mrs. Louise A. Bowers, Richmond; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at 3 p.m. in Oak View Presbyterian Church at Cullen, with interment in the church cemetery.

Browning Funeral Home, Keysville, was in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Leyburn Steger Brooks

Pearl Leyburn Steger Brooks, 99, died on Friday, April 27, in Salem, Va. She was the widow of Robert John Brooks, originally of Buckingham. Mrs. Brooks was born in Buckingham and raised in Appomattox. She is the daughter of Clara Walton Wheeler of Appomattox and Thomas Wythe Steger of Buckingham. She is the granddaughter of Henrietta Agee and Andrew Stratton Wheeler of Appomattox and the great-granddaughter of Susan Walton and William Agee.

She was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church and was named after the Rev. George Leyburn. She attended school in Oakville taught by her uncle, Radford H. Wheeler, and graduated from Asbury College in Kentucky. She taught in private schools until her marriage in 1908 at which time she and her husband made their home in Roanoke. She was the last surviving charter member of the Westminister Presbyterian Church of Roanoke which was organized in 1915, and at which the funeral services were held. For the past 27 years, Mrs. Brooks made her home in Annandale, Va. with her daughter, Emily B. Helm. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, and a founding member of its Friendship Day for seniors citizens. She was active in arts and crafts circles and played the piano.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Mrs. Roland V. Avery (Mildred), Mrs. James Knowling (Gladys), both of Roanoke, Mrs. Florence Hopkins, Minnesota, Mrs. Otho Helm (Emily) of Annandale; one son, Edgar L. Brooks of Roanoke; one sister, Gladys S. Adkins of Knoxville, Tn. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Sherwood Memorial Cemetary in Salem.

Mrs. Dora Sowell DeJarnette

Mrs. Dora Sowell DeJarnette, 97, of Route 3, Appomattox, died Sunday, June 10, 1984 at 5 a.m. in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the widow of Evan Edward DeJarnette.

Born in Campbell County Nov. 7, 1886, she was a daughter of the late Alexander Sowell and Eula Whitlow Sowell. She was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Harry E. (Louise) Hughes, Mrs. Bennie F. (Elizabeth) Elder and Mrs. Mancil R. (Ernestine) Hanna, all of Lynchburg, and Mrs. William S. (Inez) Wood and Mrs. David S. (Marion) Nash, both of Appomattox. She was preceded in death by three children, Irma Lucille DeJarnette, William Edward DeJarnette and Lilbon Alexander DeJarnette. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs Cornelias S. DeJarnette, Rustburg, and Mrs. Leonie S. Mason and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Puckette, both of Lynchburg; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home with interment in Sharon United Methodist Church cemetery, Naruna.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Suzanne Hendrick Morrow

Suzanne Hendrick Morrow, 29, died Thursday, June 7, 1984.

She was born in Texas, the daughter of Eileen Phillips McCormick of Appomattox and the late Thomas H. Hendrick.

In additon to her mother, she is survived by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Eula M. Phillips of Vivian, La.; two brothers, Everette T. Hendrick, Blacksburg, and Robert H. Hendrick, Santa Barbara, Calif.; three half brothers, James E. McLane, San Diego, Calif., John Eric Rothgeb, Deltaville, and Joel G. McCormick, Appomattox; and her stepfather, Charles E. McCormick, Appomattox.

A graveside funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funerl Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

G. Clifford [Cliff] Plunkett

George Clifford (Cliff) Plunkett,

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Revival planned

Revival services will begin on June 18 and continue through June 22 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert J. Wilkerson, pastor, highway 24, Buckingham.

Services will begin at 7:30 each evening with the Rev. Virgil Hudson as guest minister.

The public is invited.

Mt. Shiloh news notes

Services at Mt. Shiloh Church were enjoyed by all attending Sunday. The Rev. Moore delivered an inspiring message. An appreciative crowd attended, including a bus from Richmond carrying the "Military Retirees Club" of the greater Richmond area.

The church extends thanks to Brother Daniel Tanner (USMC-Ret.) for inviting his club.

The Men's Club of the church is having its 34th annual program Sunday, June 17th at 3 p.m. Past Grandmaster, Bossie Benjamin Simmons of Petersburg, Va. will be guest speaker.

Prayers go out to the sick everywhere.

Jordan news

A church meeting will be held at Jordan Baptist Church Saturday night at 7 p.m. Please note the change in date.

The Sunday School will sponsor a program at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 17. The Beautiful Zion Gospel Chorus will be in concert for this program.

Regular preaching will be featured the fourth Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Elliott's 17th anniversary will be observed on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Plan now to come out and make this day special.

Zion Baptist news

The Golden Stars of Pamplin held a special program at Zion Baptist Church Sunday. The Rev. Howard Flood was master of ceremonies.

The Ladies' Aid group will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church.

Regular preaching services will be held at Zion Baptist Church this Sunday, starting at 11 a.m. Pastor Lewis will be in charge. There will be a special Father's Day program at the church at 4 p.m.

We were happy to see Deacon Robert Jennings out this weekend. He is improving slowly, and we wish him a fast recovery.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Zion Baptist Church June 18 through June 22, at 6 p.m. each evening.

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By FRANK H. SWEET
Etension Agent

Four Appomattox 4-Hers are taking part in the first annual 4-H Intermediate Congress at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center near Front Royal. Beth Marston, Rhonda Ranson, Terri Hamlett, and Sharla Kvasnicka are representing Appomattox County during the week of special learning activities and fun-filled events. Beth, Rhonda, Terri and Sharla will return on Friday afternoon.

Twenty-one senior 4-Hers will represent Appomattox at next week'sState 4-H Congress on the VPI campus in Blacksburg. Senior 4-Hers partipating in Congress include: Howard Anderson, Kathy Bryan, Darrell Conner, Nancy Cole, Jennifer Coleman, Ann Hancock, Lisa Harrison, Ernest Humbles, Jr., Ada Hunter, Brett Marston, Curtis Moore, Jo Anna Layne, Bob Poole, Craig Ranson, Kenneth McClenny, Tiffany Royal, Annette Turner, Jeff Williams, Lisa Williamson and Cheryl Woten.

More than 1,200 4-Hers from Virginia will take part in the Congress program.

More than 100 4-Hers have turned in 4-H Camp applications for the week of July 9-13 at Holiday Lake. 4-Hers have until the end of this week to submit their camp forms.

Summer 4-H sewing classes are being conducted this week at Appomattox County High School. Young people interested in learning to sew should contact the Appomattox Extension Office at 352-8244 as additional classes are planned for later this summer.

4-H'ers compete in poster contest

Ninety-three 4-H'ers made dairy posters in the annual 4-H "June is Dairy Month" Poster Contest. Awards are provided by the American Dairy Association in the poster program which emphasizes the young people learning about the importance of milk and milk products in our daily diet.

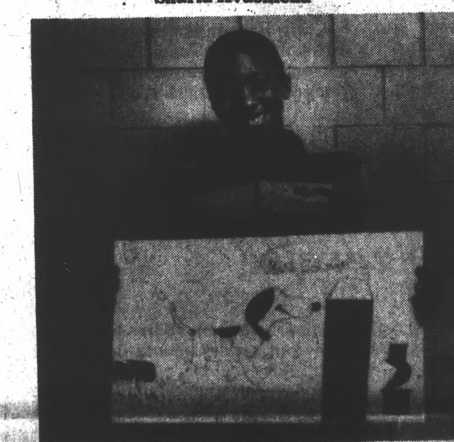
Top poster awards in the three age groups were given to: first place - Mary Helen McLaughlin, second place - Mary Beth Hix, and third place - Tisha Wooten in the 9 - 11 age group; first place - Sterling Austin, second place - Sharla Kvasnicka and third place - Cheryl Johnson in the 12 - 14 age group; and Joe Anna Layne, first place in the 15-and-up age group.

Each of the above top winners will have his or her poster entered in the State Dairy Poster Contest in late June.

Sharla Kvasnicka

Mary Beth Hix

Tisha Wooten


Sterling Austin

Mary Helen McLaughlin

Jo Anna Layne

Cheryl Johnson

MRS. CATHERINE MILLER was honored as the recipient of the PTA Life Membership Award on May 17, 1984. Mrs. Miller, a kindergarten teacher, received her Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Paul's College. She has taught in Lynchburg Public Schools, Charlotte County, and came to Appomattox County in 1977. Mrs. Miller is working with Tina Stanton in the above picture completing a kindergarten activity.

Death notices

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75, of Route 1, Appomattox, died Sunday morning, June 10, 1984 at his residence.

Born in Appomattox County June 20, 1908, he was a son of the late John Sam Plunkett and Anna Coleman Plunkett. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and the Young at Heart Club, and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. W. Louise Morris Plunkett; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Marshall of Pulaski, Va., and Mrs. Alma Zastrow in Paoli, Ind.; and a brother, Richard B. Plunkett of Montgomery, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church by Dr. Carl Collins and Steve Wiley. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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